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Sandown's Annual Old Home Days This Weekend

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Whether residents go for the kids' entertainment, the live bands, pie eating, parade or just to visit with neighbors, this weekend will see a busy center of town as Sandown hosts the annual Old Home Days.

Old Home Days Committee members have been busy for months putting everything together and are excited to see past and present members of the community come out and have a good time.

It's a solid three day affair, starting Friday night. In addition to bouncy houses, a climbing wall and other kid stuff at the field behind Central School, there is plenty of adult entertainment that night. At Central School the rock band Preciphist will perform. There will also be a

dunk tank and pony rides from Sandown's own Patch Wood Farms. Central School events run from 4 until 8 p.m.

On Friday night, Jimmy East and the Soldiers of Soul will be playing inside or outside Town Hall, depending on the weather, and together with DJ Rick Deluca, will keep the 21-plus, Bring Your Own Beverage event filled with music. Pizza, donated by G and P Pizzeria of Chester, will be sold, with proceeds going to the Boy Scouts. Town Hall events start at 8 p.m.

Early Saturday morning, the events get going again. The Sandown 5 Miler and 1K Kids' Fun Run begin at 9 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. respectively. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the fire station.

Also at 9 a.m. the Mothers' Club is hosting the annual Frog Jumping Contest. Kids across town have

reportedly been searching for the strongest amphibians in the lead-up to the event. The Mothers' Club also begins bake-off registration early, with the contest judged at 9:45 a.m.

Throughout the day, live acts, from music to magic to a cake walk, populate Central School's two outside stages. And Sandown's Citizen of the Year will be announced at the main stage at 11 a.m.

A memorial dedication to Hazel Marlow takes place at 11:30 a.m. at the Sandown Public Library, while at noon, the 111th annual Sandown Old Home Day Parade moves down Main Street.

Big on the expectation list this year is the first ever (possibly) hot dog eating contest. It starts at 1 p.m. at the side stage. While no professionals are booked, it will give that big eater in

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Recreation Commission Work at Depot Fields Raises Objection

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Conservation Commission met with the Recreation Commission in a special session with the Board of Selectmen Monday night, to express its objection to the Recreation Commission's action at Depot Fields.

Selectman Chairman Sean Murphy conducted the special meeting, requested by the Conservation Commission, which focused on a 30,000-square-foot section of land at the Depot Road Fields Complex that has been disturbed.

The Recreation Commission said it was follow-

ing an agreement made a year ago to seed the parcel. The Conservation Commission is upset because instead of just seeding the parcel, the land has been scraped and regraded.

The parcel in question is the area the Recreation Commission had cleared over a year ago when Town Forester Karla Allen and the Garland Company were doing forest thinning at the West Road Conservation area.

In July 2011, the Recreation Commission had permission to uproot and remove the stumps. The next step was to survey the land because the area is where the Recreation Com-

mission was considering a future skate park and/or basketball courts.

Because of wetland issues in that area, the survey was necessary, to be followed by a professional engineering plan before a site plan for the skate park and/or basketball courts could be developed and taken to the Planning Board for approval.

When the survey was complete, the Recreation Commission went before the selectmen and the Planning Board with the survey results, and was told that the land was to be seeded but nothing else was to be done without going before

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HELPING HANDS Sandown Police officer Rich Buco gives 7-year-old Ryan Cedeno a boost to scrub the roof and cruiser lights of his police vehicle during Friday's Community Service Day at the Sandown Summer Recreation Program. The car wash took place at Sandown Town Hall. See story page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Guardrail Proposed to Protect Frontage of Former Junkyard

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – In time, a fence or guardrail will be going up along the frontage of LeClair's Garage on Fremont Road, a polluted former junkyard that has long been a thorn in the side of neighbors.

Selectmen are hoping that the blockade will be the final town-backed step in

the mitigation efforts at the site that have lasted for more than a decade.

The decision follows significant clean-up efforts there this year. Following high MtBE levels (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) at a neighbor's well, the state Department of Environmental Services (DES) led an effort to consolidate and remove all liquids on site. Following that clean up, the

town paid to remove scores of tires and recently spent \$28,800 to remove all of the solid waste.

Part of that solid waste removal included taking down a longstanding wooden fence, prompting a debate over whether the town should pay to put in a new one.

The town does not own the property but those who

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Selectmen Remind Committees of Televised Meetings Policy

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - The board of selectmen will be sending a memo out to all town committees, commissions and boards to remind them of a selectmen policy that requires all public meetings to be held before the camera.

Though the letter is going to every board, it's aimed at the recreation commission.

Selectman Mike Weider raised the issue during the selectmen's roundtable discussion Thursday, Aug. 2. He said the recreation commission should have to follow along with every other board in town and hold its

meetings in the selectmen's meeting room or the cable studio with the camera on.

Weider added that while at first it may be uncomfortable to sit in front of the cameras, in time it becomes less foreign.

Selectman Jack Cannon, whose desire to see the budget committee hold its meetings on camera led to the policy in the first place, also spoke on the measure.

The decision comes on the heels of a contentious meeting between recreation and the board of selectmen last month. During that meeting, among other comments, recreation informed the board that it would like to move the date of the Town Fair so as to facilitate

its organizing the event, but Weider was set against the move, as previously reported in the Tri-Town Times.

At the end of the meeting, recreation member Ed Karjala said that if Weider was adamant on sticking to the second Saturday of September, the board may "want to start looking for significant resources to make that happen."

Cannon said that while he wasn't paying attention during the discussion between Weider and recreation members, Weider was correct in his disinclination to change the town fair date.

"I think you were absolutely correct in making that point," said Can-

non. "Especially at the end of the meeting, when one member pretty much held a gun to our heads. I think that was wrong."

Cannon added that if recreation's meetings were televised, the plan to move the fair's date may have been spotted before the meeting with the selectmen, and people could have raised concerns.

All selectmen agreed to send the letter.

Weider also raised concerns about work to be done at Wason Pond this year to level and make the area ready for future playing fields. Noting wetlands permits being filed, Weider said he hoped recreation knew that only the selectmen

could enter into contracts for work to be done there.

In other business at the Aug. 2 meeting:

- The board decided against purchasing a new lawn mower to replace a failing machine. Chair Steph Landau informed the board that he found a good deal on a mower, and that after discounts, the cost would be about \$12,000.

Landau suggested taking the money out the government buildings budget.

Because the money wasn't budgeted for and moving it around might mean that other planned for projects might not be completed, both Cannon and Weider argued against the move. Both agreed, however, that

later in the budget year the matter could be revisited.

- At the end of the meeting, former selectman Joe Castricone, who initially argued for the buildings and maintenance projects referred to, said he was pleased with the decision. He then suggested that a good use of any extra money would be to make maintenance worker Tony Amato's job full time, especially seeing that Amato is saving the town so much money with his efforts.

- On a suggestion by Weider, the board will be heading up the Town Fair's Coffee Klatch, a meeting, formerly held annually, to bring residents together with public officials.

Problems Found With Chapter of Master Plan Update

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - The Planning Board conducted a final review of the Existing and Future Land Use chapter of the long awaited Master Plan update, prepared by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC).

The board did not act on the review but delayed final approval to the Sept. 17 meeting, after revisions and corrections brought up by the board had been made.

Typing errors needed

correction but beyond that, the board had concerns with several areas of the chapter and made significant changes.

Paul Carideo, who has been trying to get copies of the maps included in the chapter by the Rockingham Planning Commission so he can compare them for accuracy and ensure they match the maps the Conservation Commission has, still has concerns about the maps.

"I have the electronic emailed copies but they are so small I can't really tell,"

he said. "In addition, the maps should be dated as to when they were done and/or revised, and these don't have any dates."

Neil Emerson questioned the accuracy of the build-out data. He was told the board had requested RPC re-do its original build-out plan, and this was the revised build-out.

Priscilla Lindquist had some issues with one of the Future Land Use Recommendations. The recommendation states: "The Town may wish to consider

traditional village design as a future land development motif. A return to less segregated land uses is often a great way to re-invigorate a sense of 'community' in a town. Such action will require a willingness to re-address fundamental land use policies like increased density, innovative wastewater management practices and low impact design concepts."

Lindquist reminded the board it had discussed this issue at length and rejected it, and as thus it should not

be included in the Master Plan. After a brief discussion, the decision was made to strike that recommendation in its entirety from the Master Plan.

Lindquist also objected to the tone of the section on the Historical District, pointing out that the suggested practice of having a policy to "regulate the construction, alteration, repair, moving, demolition or use of such structures and places" had been discussed by the Historic District Heritage Committee and a decision was made not to implement such a policy, rather to work with the Building Inspector. The board decided that as the wording did not insist on such a policy, it

could be left in.

Lindquist also questioned, as did others, the statement that an "audit (of) the community has approximately 54 percent of its housing stock that meets the Housing and Urban Development cost thresholds for Rockingham County." This was to be checked with RPC for accuracy.

The board asked that the changes be made and copies of the corrected chapter be sent to members prior to the September meeting, when a vote would be taken on accepting the chapter. In the meantime, Carideo would continue to check on the accuracy of the maps included in the chapter.

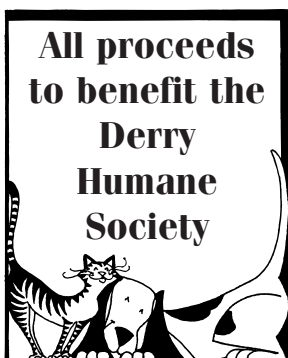
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Chester Resident Seeks 'Child Safety Zone' to Bar Predators

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Resident Rob Brown has been urging the board of selectmen to investigate and adopt “child safety zones” around public areas in an effort to bar access to registered sex offenders. The board has decided that the matter is beyond its competence and suggested that Brown seek other avenues of authority.

Brown, however, isn't pleased with that direction, and thinks the town is not

taking child protection seriously. He once again made his plea to the selectmen, this time during public comment at the board's Aug. 2 meeting.

Brown sought an agenda item with the board to discuss the issue but was denied an appointment. He was told that he could speak during public comment but it's a forum that requires no interaction from the board.

As previously reported in the Tri-Town Times, Brown has been urging local public officials to do more to protect

children ever since resident and registered sex offender Gary Britton was arrested for failing to make his annual report to the Chester police as a sex offender. Subsequently, alleged child pornography was discovered in Britton's home and he has been charged with aggravated felonious sexual assault with a female under 13 years of age and with Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Brown was denied an appointment with the board in late 2011 for a similar discussion. At that time Brown

chastised the board for hiring Britton to do roofing work at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area and sought ways to prevent sexual predators from being hired by the town to do work in areas heavily frequented by kids.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, Brown argued that such ordinances are created on the local level, despite the board's reluctance to create one. He brought photos of the sign at Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area to illustrate how the board can

make local ordinances, i.e. open hours, no smoking or alcohol, no firearms. He argued that if a town doesn't have control over local ordinances, he questioned what it is doing collecting taxes or enforcing other local codes.

Brown argued that 50 percent of the municipalities in the country have similar rules and none of them have been overturned in court. He added later that no town or city in New Hampshire has adopted such a rule.

Brown argued that areas like Wason Pond are “prime predatory country” for the more than “200 sex offenders within a gallon of gas to Chester.”

Board members did not speak to the matter except when chair Steph Landau informed Brown that the

matter was given to town counsel for review. When the board discussed the matter at an earlier meeting, all agreed that while everybody wanted to keep kids safe, they were in unfamiliar territory and had concerns that such laws had been challenged on constitutional grounds.

Brown said he thinks there is no risk in the ordinance to anybody but sex offenders. He is urging the town to write a warrant article to create safety zones in areas where he thinks the need is critical. At this stage, however, Brown told the Tri-Town Times that he is disheartened by a lack of concern from others in town and said he can't continue the effort alone.

Brown has a website, chestercitizens.wordpress.com.

Old Home

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your life a chance to test their mettle.

On the animals end of things, exotic animals from Michelle's Menagerie will visit Central School from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m.

Visit the Sandown Senior Affairs Committee's tent for a silent auction and raffle with a host of goods. These include four tickets for NASCAR in Loudon, rounds of golf, tickets for the Manchester Monarchs, the Manchester Fisher Cats and the Lowell Spinners, gift certificates for everything from dinner out to Heavenly Donuts to grocery stores, a Sony Blu-ray player, tickets to Canobie Lake Park and a slew of other items.

There will be various crafts, food sellers and other vendors populating the Central School grounds all day Saturday, along with a dunk tank.

If you want to take a break from the fairgrounds, visit the Old Meeting House on Fremont Road between 2 and 4 p.m. for an open house.

Once again, as it has since time immemorial, Saturday's daytime events will unofficially conclude with the Fire Department's chicken barbecue. The tables fill up fast and many more diners are taken home during the popular meal.

Later Saturday night, the to-do's move to Sandlot Sports on North Road, where the fireworks will start about 9 p.m. Sandlot Sports will also have

karaoke to finish off the day.

Sunday activities start at 11 a.m. with the annual non-denominational service at the Old Meeting House on Fremont Road. The featured speaker is Republican State Representative Norman Major. The service is followed by the annual pot roast dinner at St. Matthew's Church on Main Street. The dinner is by reservation only. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age

12 and under. Pre-schoolers eat free. Contact Arlene at 887-3453 or email abasett@gsinet.net for tickets.

Also on Sunday, the fire department will take on the police department in their annual softball game, starting at noon at Sandlot Sports. There will be concurrent swimming, barbecue and some food concessions.

For a full list of events and times, visit www.sandown.us.

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Editorial

Celebrating Home

It's that time of year again.

The light's a little more yellow, the last of the summer flowers are about to bloom, fall sports practices are starting – but don't let those things distract you.

Summer is still here in all its glory, and that means town festivals are here as well.

Whether it's Sandown's Old Home Days this coming weekend, Londonderry's Old Home Day the following weekend – the traditional day set by the state many years ago – or later versions with other names – Chester's Town Fair in September and Derryfest, also that month – it's time to get over to the park or green or common in the center of your town and meet and greet your friends and neighbors.

Whatever the date or the name, the activities are centered outdoors in the heart of town. Children's games, booths filled with local non profits inviting your participation, parades, community barbecues, special events for seniors, concerts, politicians on the prowl for votes, and fireworks – regardless of what we do the rest of the year, these events bring us all together.

The celebration doesn't come

already packaged and ready to go – it's the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing one thing – a love of their community, and a desire to make the festival a fun-filled event with something for everyone – and something everyone will want to return to every year. That's really the heart of what Old Home Day and summer festivals are all about.

This year, when Chester's Town Fair coordination was up for grabs, it took no time at all for a local volunteer to step in. That's the spirit of community that our summer festivals celebrate.

And while our weekday lives often require long hours in another town, sometimes in another state, summer brings a slower pace, and invites us to sit down and visit.

So whatever your age, mark your calendar for your town's homecoming festival and celebrate where you live. Whether you've chosen your town or it's where you were born, these hot summer days will be among your memories. Make the time to get a little better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, and enjoy being part of a summer rite that is what living in New England is all about.

Letters

Signs Don't Vote

To the editor:

For years I have been involved in campaigns of all levels, from President to local offices and of both political parties. I've supported and worked on the campaign of Senator Norris Cotton, ('60s), Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George H. Bush, Bernie Streeter, Louis Wyman, James Cleveland, John Lynch, Jeanne Shaheen and Marie Sapienza. I've always supported the most ethical, honest and qualified candidate.

If I learned one thing after all those campaigns, it's signs don't vote. The person whose signs are out first or who has the biggest or most signs does not mean this candidate is worthy of my (or) our votes and should not be elected because they had the most signs. It always comes down to ethics, honesty, and qualifications.

Anyone can file for the New Hampshire House, no matter what their background or ethics. Anyone can buy signs and stick them all around town.

Some voters don't do their due diligence and check out the candidates. That's a real shame because if you did peel back the onion of some of the local candidates, no way any sensible person would vote for them.

We owe it to ourselves to look behind the signs and find out things about the candidate that the signs don't say. We owe it to ourselves to elect people who represent us, not people "who pursue personal vendettas" (Concord Monitor). We owe it to ourselves to elect people we respect, not people who our courts have come to question a person's motives or character or parenting ability.

Please remember that the biggest sign, the most signs does not mean this is the best person to represent us.

Joel Saren
East Hampstead

Get the Facts

To the editor:

A few years ago, I left home early on a summer morning to run some errands. As I turned onto a main one-way thoroughfare, I saw a man lying on the pavement just before the next intersection. He was an amputee riding one of those low-riding tricycles with a tall red pennant designed to alert motorists to his presence. The cycle was on its side, adjacent to the fallen rider, and a nearby companion on a bicycle was moving to assist. It was unclear how he had fallen.

I pulled my vehicle up directly behind them in order to shield them from any following traffic that might appear and got out of my car to render aid. As I approached the fallen rider, a passenger van appeared to our left and crossed the intersection perpendicular to the direction we had been traveling. The van slowed and its occupants rolled down the windows and began shouting insults and wagging their fingers at me, clearly assuming that I had hit a defenseless rider with my car. They only slowed, never stopping to assist or ascertain the facts of what had happened.

I was embarrassed that others who had arrived after the fact would hear them and jump to the same erroneous conclusion. But I was also angry at the people in the van for being too lazy to understand the facts or stop to help.

The memory of this

event is one that occasionally pops into my mind for its poignancy as I watch negative political ads. Admittedly, campaigns on both sides run negative ads, but Governor Romney's campaign has been running ads that I find particularly offensive for their shameless use of out-of-context quotes by the President.

In one ad he uses a quote in which the President appears to be saying that if he talks about the economy, he loses, when in fact the full context was actually the President quoting John McCain during the 2008 campaign.

In other attacks, Mr. Romney deliberately misrepresents President Obama's statements to make it sound like he believes that small business owners did not achieve their own success, thereby implying that government made that happen. What he actually meant is that our economic and political system provides infrastructure that supports their hard work and initiative, that what we do together creates a climate conducive to entrepreneurial success. Whether that is obvious or not is irrelevant because it is true. What Mr. Romney implies is not.

I have no doubt that partisans who disagree with me will point to negative ads by the President's campaign, but the larger point I am making is that none of us who want to vote responsibly should be getting our "facts" from this kind of garbage, regardless of party loyalties. Don't be guilty of forming "drive by" conclusions like those folks in the van who falsely accused me of hitting a defenseless cyclist on that summer morning.

Andrew Weir
Hampstead

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Correction: The "Crafters and Artists Wanted" for the Hampstead Mothers Club Nov. 3 craft fair, published in the Aug. 2 calendar, contains an incorrect price for a craft booth. The correct price for a craft space is \$60.



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Plenty of Good Deeds at Summer Rec Community Week

MATT RITTENHOUSE
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SANDOWN – As a diminutive washer walked up to her car last Friday during the summer recreation program's annual car wash and lemonade stand, resident Connie Jezierski said, "This must be the tire brigade!"

All last week, the kids taking part in the summer program were bringing smiles to people in their community, and not only because of the adorable efforts of first graders washing a seemingly endless line of cars at Town Hall.

They also picked up trash, held a lunch for community leaders, put on a talent show and raised money through a bike-a-thon. All were part of the summer program's Community Week.

Though much of the week could be considered work, especially four hours of manning the lemonade stand or washing and drying cars, the kids didn't see it that way. As they were jumping up and down upon the side of the road with flags and signs to beckon passers-by into the town hall parking lot, kids even admitted that their favorite part of the day was washing cars.

"They love it," said assistant coordinator Tim Brown as he helped the kids learn the ins and outs of the lemonade stand business world. The 100 or so kids in the program rotated from station to station on Friday, from beckoning cars to selling drinks to washing cars to rehearsing for their talent show.

There was a line of cars

to be washed even before the kids came out at 10 a.m. And within a few minutes, the lemonade stand had already garnered more than a \$100, thanks to a couple of sales to generous neighbors.

All of the proceeds went to the Sandown Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food also came in from campers and residents alike.

Earlier in the week, the kids and counselors held a community lunch, where community leaders were invited to visit with the program. Among others, representatives from the selectmen, public library, police, fire and food pantry were invited to the Ed Garvey Recreation Building. The visitors were shown around by the campers and then served lunch. During lunch, visitors viewed a slideshow of what the program has been up to this summer.

Brown said the lunch served as a way to recognize those people in town who don't always get the recognition they deserve - those people who go above and beyond to keep Sandown running smoothly.

One of those people, recreation director Deb Brown, was recognized by the kids as the guest of honor.

Though this is the first year of the community lunch, it will likely become a tradition.

Brown said that each year the program tries to expand and offer new and better activities for the kids, and noted that coordinator Cressa Bonnell was one of the main reasons the program is such a success. Though at its limit of



100 kids every day this summer, Brown said the program would like to grow to accommodate even more kids.

Brown lauded the camp's counselor-to-camper ratio and noted that there were plenty of young adults who would sign up to be counselors in a second, but there wasn't room for more than 100 kids.

Also part of the week was the Random Acts of Kindness Challenge, where kids were directed to help out wherever they could in their lives outside of camp. Bonnell said the campers were excited to share their acts of kindness. From helping to wash dishes to letting someone with fewer items at the grocery store go in front of them in the check-out line, given the opportunity, the kids are more than willing to do good deeds, said Bonnell.

And that fact was obvious Friday as car after clean car rolled out of the parking lot and donations increased for the food pantry.

"Oh, what a great job," said Jezierski as the kids dried her car. "It looks so much better than it did."

Jezierski spent her time

waiting for her car to be done with friend Alma Sheltra from East Hampstead. Both heard about the car wash and the benefit it had for the food pantry, and made sure they were some of the first in line to help the kids do a good deed.

To keep up to date with the many activities the summer recreation program is doing, visit its new Twitter feed: @Sandown_Rec.



At left, Sandown Recreation campers sell soda tab bracelets while above, girls try to flag down cars for their car wash on Main Street. Photos by Chris Paul

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Voters Reminded to Register for Sept. 11 Primary

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

Residents can register to vote at their town clerk's office up to seven days before the Sept. 11 primary, and with that date just about a month away, unregistered voters might want to think about making the stop at their town hall.

The last day to register to vote is Sept. 4 at the clerk's office. Voters can always register at the polls

the day of the election.

In addition to registering with the town clerk during regular business hours, in Chester the supervisors of the checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. to allow residents to register to vote and/or change their name or address for the records.

A new voter ID law was passed by the New Hampshire Legislature this past term that will slightly change the process for vot-

ers this year. According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State's office, to vote in any election before Sept. 1, 2013, voters will be asked to provide one of the following: Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired); ID card issued by New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV); U.S. Armed Services ID card; U.S. Passport (even if expired); valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or

municipal government; valid student ID card; other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

Before Nov. 1 of this year, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Then, between Nov. 1 of

this year and Sept. 1, 2013 any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

Also, a voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from his or her town clerk or the Secretary of State to any New Hampshire DMV office that issues identification.

The general election is

Nov. 6. The final day to register at the town clerk's office for the November election is Oct. 27.

For a sample ballot for your town, visit the Secretary of State's website at sos.nh.gov.

Sandown town clerk Michelle Short noted that she has not seen an increase in registrations at this time. She has, however, noted many absentee ballot requests.

Selectmen to Weigh in on Current Use Dispute

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN - A disagreement over current use taxation had Troy Palmer, the selectmen and town assessor Scott Marsh of Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) looking for a solution.

While Marsh presented the case at last week's selectmen meeting for taking a portion of Palmer's property on Hampstead Road out of current use status, citing the letter of the law, Palmer argued that the work he is doing there doesn't disqualify his property, or not as much as Marsh claims.

The land use change tax, commonly referred to as the current use tax, is a 10 percent penalty landowners are charged when they take their land out of current use status, a status that guarantees low property taxes on undeveloped land. In Sandown this tax goes to the Conservation Commission and its efforts at preserving land. The law governing the tax in New Hampshire holds that preserving open space is in the public interest because it not only provides a healthful outdoor environment but imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore

an economic benefit to its citizens.

Marsh said the point of current use is to keep property in its natural state, and seeing that an excavation was occurring on a portion of formerly treed land, it fell out of the tax exemption status.

Troy argued that he was working a small portion of his property, not to develop it but to turn the area into land suitable for a u-pick fruit operation. He said that while he was removing gravel from the property, he wasn't being paid for it.

Palmer has filed the appropriate permits for the work at his farm and is paying taxes on material removed. He added that the parcel is landlocked.

He asked the selectmen to come out and see what he

was doing.

Selectman Hans Nicolaisen said that while Palmer wasn't selling his material for cash, he was bartering it for the work being done, in essence something that is not much different. Nicolaisen added

that Palmer is paying the appropriate taxes for the material and questioned the penalty for what he saw as efforts to better the site.

Marsh said while he didn't disagree, he was following the rules as written.

Marsh encouraged Pal-

mer to file an abatement for the current use tax already issued.

The selectmen agreed to send selectman Tom Tombarello to the property to see the situation before any other decisions were made.

Hampstead Heritage Commission Fails to Reach Quorum

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - While the Historic District Heritage Commission was hit with the same issue many town boards face in summer - lack of a quorum - the group discussed a variety of issues anyway, although no formal action could be taken.

Commission member Priscilla Lindquist expressed concern at the Wednesday, Aug. 1, meeting over the inadequacy of the information on the commission's web page on the Town website. She said the photo of the members is out of date, as is other information. She agreed to start work on updating it and encouraged members to send her suggestions.

In other business:

• Chairman Maury Randall said he would look into

bringing the Old Meeting House rental appointment book to the Town Office when the people responsible for renting the Old Meeting House are out of town.

• The work at the Old Meeting House is finished, with the commission's attention now being turned to Hampstead Historical Museum repairs. The commission is waiting for Dave Dupouy's estimate for the repair work.

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Library Trustees Seek Bid Proposal for New Roof

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Public Library Trustees have been putting away, with voter approval, \$10,000 a year, anticipating the need to replace the library's aging roof.

According to the Trustees, the time has come when they must take care of

the roof before something happens, such as a leak that might damage books and computers.

"The shingles on the front of the building are starting to show signs of curling and deteriorating," Trustee treasurer John Skidmore said. "The hot and humid weather is not helping this cause. It was felt that we should obtain more

current quotes on what it might cost to replace the existing roof. The previous quote is a couple years old and today's economic conditions might result in a different cost. If the cost comes in within our existing funds, then we desire to have the shingles replaced before winter and avoid any potential for water leaks and damage if we have a

severe winter."

The scope of the work laid out in the Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the "removal and disposal of existing shingles down to the roof deck and securing all deck boards." Any wood needing replacement would be replaced with new material. When the deck is ready for roofing, contractors will install 6 feet of ice and

water shield along all leading edges and penetrations, and shingle with new, IKO 30 year self-sealing asphalt-based shingles, along with new 8-inch aluminum moldings and ridge vent. A three-year warranty is required.

Sealed bids are due by Aug. 10 at 5 p.m.

"There is currently \$30,000 with the Trustees

of Trust Funds, from prior years' voter approvals, and we have the additional \$10,000, which was approved on the March ballot," Skidmore said. "So \$40,000 is currently available to do the job."

Proposals for the roof replacement will be opened at the Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m.

Depot Road

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the Planning Board with a specific plan.

The Recreation Commission did not have the money to seed the parcel until this year, and in July, hired Auger Property Maintenance to seed the parcel. Auger turned over and graded the topsoil, preparing it for seeding, but this action upset the Conservation Commission, resulting in Monday night's meeting.

Conservation Commission and Planning Board member Paul Carideo presented the Conservation Commission position. He said the parcel is a wetland according to Hampstead Zoning Ordinances, even though it is not considered a jurisdictional wetland by state standards. But as it is a wetland by Hampstead standards, he said it should not be disturbed in any fashion. The scraping and regrading has disturbed it.

Brian Goode, speaking for the Recreation Commission, said Auger regraded it by removing the top layer of soil. He said the slope remained the same and some debris left from the cutting and stumping had been removed. Goode said he thought the Recreation Commission had followed the directions of the agreement to seed the parcel.

Carideo said the three boards had met a year ago and agreed that the parcel would not be disturbed, only seeded. That was a year

ago and since then, natural wetland vegetation had grown up on the parcel, stabilizing it until Auger graded it and disturbed the area.

"It is poorly drained soil – wetland by Hampstead's regulations – and it is not supposed to be filled or graded," he said.

He pointed out that the area that comprises the Depot Road Fields Complex should never have been touched, as it is all poorly drained soil. He said he is concerned about the newly developed section of poorly drained soil that feeds into the White Cedar Swamp, a sensitive aquifer and flood plain.

Murphy, checking meeting minutes, said the Recreation Commission had been given permission to remove the stumps and then was to seed the parcel and do no more.

Murphy asked if the parcel can be seeded as it sits right now. Goode said the topsoil must be sifted and replaced, and then it can be seeded.

"Recreation needs to go to the Planning Board before it does anything else to that parcel after the top soil has been resifted and replaced and seeded," Murphy said. "Don't touch the land again without first

going to the Planning Board."

The Selectmen agreed

with Murphy's summation, as did Recreation. Conservation accepted the decision

but emphasized the area should not have been disturbed in the first place.

Teen Excels at Bay State School

CHESTER - On June 1, 2012, Samuel Botero graduated from Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass.

The son of Kelly Barros-Botero and Jorge Botero of Chester, he will attend Occidental College.

He was on the high academic honor roll at Lawrence Academy for two terms. He sang with the LA Singers and the student a cappella group, SLACS, and

appeared in "Sweeney Todd" and in a student-directed production based on "Chicago." He also performed in the school's dance program.

After appearing in two student-directed, one-act plays, he both wrote and directed his own piece for the school's annual one-act festival this spring.

During Winterims, a two-week experiential learning session every March, he

learned about maintaining the trails and operating the facilities of a ski resort; explored Arizona's Sonoran Desert by mountain bike; and learned about the creation of a "hit single" by writing, recording, mastering, and marketing an original song.

This spring, he hiked, biked, and performed community service in Israel.



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Hampstead Town Beach Advisory Removed Friday

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – A beach advisory for the Town Beach at Sunset Lake (Wash Pond) that went into effect Thursday, Aug. 2, was lifted Friday, Aug. 3.

A sample was collected on Tuesday, July 31, and was found to be over the fecal bacteria count standard. The beach was re-sampled Thursday, Aug. 2. Those results, released Friday, showed the count below the state standard.

Teresa Ptak, Clean Ves-

sel Act Coordinator/Beach Program Assistant, Biology, for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), informed Hampstead Code Enforcement Officer Kris Emerson and Recreation Director Angie Ingraham of the elevated bacteria advisory at the Town Beach.

The count taken at the Hampstead Town Beach on July 31 at the center station was 390 counts/100 mL of water. The state E. coli standard at freshwater swimming beaches is 88 counts/100 ml of water in

one sample, or a geometric mean of 47 counts/100 ml of water in at least three samples over a 60-day period.

Geometric means are used instead of an average to summarize bacteria concentrations. A geometric mean tends to dampen the effect of very high or low values, which state officials said might bias the results if an average were calculated.

A beach advisory is issued when either two or more samples taken at a beach exceed the standard or when one sample exceeds 158 counts/100 ml.

When that occurs, beach managers are notified, notices are posted on the DES beach inspection website, and managers post signs at beach entrances to warn the public of the potential health threat posed by water contact at the beach.

Sonja Carlson, Beach Program coordinator for DES, said the Aug. 2 results at the Town Beach showed counts of 56 and 76/100 ml.

Freshwater beaches are resampled within 24 hours of an elevated bacteria result. Beach advisories remain in effect until subse-

quent beach sampling reflects results below the state standard.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Beach Inspection Program monitors the water at public swimming beaches from late May until early September. Personnel collect water for analysis at coastal and

freshwater beaches, and the water samples are analyzed for fecal bacteria.

Lakes without designated beaches or areas of a lake away from a designated beach are issued cyanobacteria lake warnings when a large algae bloom is observed. Lakes with cyanobacteria warnings are re-inspected weekly.



FARM FRESH Shana Dobson, 3, stands in front of the Hampstead Lions Club booth recently eating broccoli at the weekly Hampstead Farmers Market. The Market is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays at the junction of Stage Road and Route 111.

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Sandown Food Pantry in Need of More Donations

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – While the community has long been supportive of the Sandown Food Pantry, especially during the winter holidays, the reality is that during the summer, the donations experience a lull.

While Arlene Bassett, pantry volunteer, said the pantry is making it through the summer and everyone's

getting what they need, the pantry is relying on its bank account to keep ahead of that need.

On the top of that list of needs are staple household items that can't be purchased with food stamps, as well as food for kids.

As soon as items like laundry and dish detergent, personal care items and paper products are on the shelves, they're off again and on the way to the pan-

try users' homes. Bassett said that if residents want to help out, always useful are personal care items like toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent and paper products, from paper towels to toilet paper.

"It all goes as quick as we can get it in there," said Bassett.

And with the kids out of school for the summer and not receiving free or re-

duced cost school lunches, some families are struggling to keep the family in snacks and items like macaroni and cheese. Useful are individually wrapped school snacks.

Also popular are canned meats of any kind, from corned beef to ham to tuna to sloppy joe mix and especially chicken. The versatile foods are tough to keep on the shelves, said Bassett.

Because of the price of fresh or frozen meat these

days, the pantry only stocks hot dogs, but they've got freezer room for ground beef.

Coffee and Parmalat milk are also rarities that go quickly.

Not needed? Baby food. Most of the pantry's users are getting their baby food needs taken care of through the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program. Diapers, larger sizes like 4 and 5, are needed however.

Helping with fresh food

needs this summer are local gardeners, who have been dropping off their extra produce. From cucumbers to zucchini to beans to arugula and cauliflower, the produce is a welcome donation, said Bassett.

If interested in helping out, donations of food or funds can be dropped off at the town clerk's office in Town Hall or checks can be sent to PO Box 5, Sandown, NH 03873.

Multipurpose Room Improved by LifeShare Volunteers

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – For several years volunteers with LifeShare of Hampstead have helped keep the Chester multipurpose room in tip-top shape. They sweep the floors, wash the windows, clean the bathrooms and make sure the bleachers are spot free, all at no cost to the town.

It's a volunteer project that helps those involved develop job skills and have a community service presence.

Those helping out in Chester are part of LifeShare's adult day program, in which persons who struggle with some of the things most of us take for granted are matched with people with similar goals and a facilitator, or LifeCoach.

Most days of the week, a different group of three or four do the rounds. On a recent Monday, Joyce Raffa worked with Michael Atwater and Erika Goldsby to sweep the place before they headed out to the park. On Mondays, Raffa's group regularly sweeps, cleans the

bathrooms and takes care of the benches. They also set up all of the chairs for the seniors' programs.

Chester recreation coordinator Sharon Mulrennan often will have special tasks she'll ask of the groups. Raffa's been at work for years with different groups, starting a little after 8 a.m.

"They like it. They do a great job," said Raffa. "And they're always willing to do it."

She added that her group is always smiling, and in turn, both Atwater and Goldsby said they enjoyed their time with Raffa.

On Thursdays, Seth Lemieux volunteers with Joey Comforti and Lorieann Bales to do similar work. They sweep, wash the windows, take out the trash and clean the bathrooms in addition to any odd jobs that might be asked of them.

It's not all work, though. Taking a break, Atwater kept the group laughing with some silly antics, a big smile across his face. Goldsby will tell you about the time she went out to Idaho to compete in the snowshoeing event as part of

Team USA in the Special Olympics. And Bales had some good stories about growing up that kept her friends laughing. Comforti often finds a basketball and throws a few hoops.

Other groups from LifeShare use the kitchen at the multipurpose room for a cooking class.

Summers are less busy, but the rest of the year, a group of 25 or so will spend Friday mornings listening to music, and playing basketball, kick ball and other games.

They also spend time at the local parks playing games, and sometimes they go swimming or head to the local bookstore. While it's fun and social, much of the effort is goal oriented. Members of each group usually have overlapping annual goals, from physical to social skills. Efforts in places like the multipurpose room also help teach job skills.

"We help them reach their goals," said Lemieux. "In a fun way."

LifeShare is a human service organization that touts the importance of inclusion and independence



From left, Michael Atwater, Joyce Raffa, Erika Goldsby, Seth Lemieux, Lorieann Bales and Joey Comforti are LifeShare participants who volunteer their time to help keep the multipurpose room looking good.

as well as the importance of keeping the people who will benefit foremost in mind when creating service programs. The goal of their work with those with developmental disabilities is to

set everyone on a path to independent living.

"Our ultimate goal is to promote as much independence as possible," said Associate Director TJ West.

West added that those

out of the Hampstead office are busy volunteering throughout the community. And if Chester is any example, the groups are improving their community with each visit.

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Young Man Hooked on Old Things in Hampstead, Sandown

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

Too few of America's small town committees, commissions and boards have young people interested in being active members, being too busy with jobs and young families, but that leaves people wondering who will take over those positions and who will remember the past. It is unusual to find a teenager who is more interested in railroads, old motors and historical sites than electronic gadgets, but Hampstead and Sandown are lucky to have just such a young man.

Jonathan Remlin, a rising sophomore at Pinkerton Academy, has taken an interest in the Hampstead Historical Society, the Hampstead District Heritage Committee, the Sandown Historical Society, local railroad history, and the restoration of old motors. Remlin has a particular fascination with railways, so he naturally gravitated to Sandown and Bertha Deveau and the Sandown Depot, and her beloved railroad cars and station.

"I put the mail hook up at the Sandown Rail Road Station," he said.

"He was very good and very helpful," Deveau said of Remlin's work. "He did things I didn't think a young man his age could do. He put up the mail hook and

did a good job. He's a good kid, and he can come and help me anytime."

Remlin, a Hampstead resident, likes to search out historical sites in town, such as where the old railroad stations were located, as well as visiting and admiring the historical buildings.

"I read Maury Randall's book on Hampstead, Harriet Noyes' book and picked Frank Howard's brain, and I listen to Rob Morris," he said. "I have learned so much. I have located where Hampstead's two railroad stations were and even found some old spikes and stuff in the area, and I love going to Sandown and working at their railroad station and rail cars with Bertha Deveau. I wanted to work on Rob's farm and he has let me, and he brought me with him to some Hampstead Historical Society meetings and the Historic District Heritage Commission meetings, and I come with him Saturday afternoons sometimes when the Hampstead Historical Museum is open.

"The more I got to know Rob, the more interested I became in the historical things and buildings in town and especially the railroad, the people and the trains that came and went through Hampstead," he added. "It has been such fun and so interesting to help



Jonathan Remlin, a rising Pinkerton Academy sophomore from Hampstead, finds history and things from the past more interesting in many cases than the advances technology has wrought. His particular love is old railroads but he is fascinated by historical buildings and spends a lot of his time working to restore old motors and machines.

Photo by Penny Williams

with restoring the Paul Revere Jr. bell at the Old Meeting House."

"He has been volunteering his time at the Historical Society Museum, and it is really refreshing to see a person of Jonathan's age interested in the history of the town," Morris said. "He has a lot of interest in the railroad, much like myself, and we enjoy walking the old railroad bed and talking about what it must have been like when trains actually passed through Hampstead. He also has spent time with me working

what farming is all about.

"I enjoy being one of his many mentors," he added.

Remlin said one of the things he enjoys is going to the historical places that still exist and comparing how they look today to what they must have looked like years ago, based on the books and pictures he has seen.

"It is fascinating," he said. "Some of the places have changed dramatically, while others look practically the same. None of my friends are really interested in the history of the Town or the historical places, and that's too bad. It is our history and it is an amazing thing when you get to know about it.

"Being in Rob's barn, I think of all the people over the years who have stacked hay in the hay loft and all the people who have farmed the fields and cut hay there," he said.

While Remlin doesn't know what he wants to do with his life yet, he spends a lot of time at Pinkerton and

at home working to restore old motors. His current project is restoring to running condition an antique Falls tractor, but he also collects old items such as victrolas and railroad artifacts. He has restored a 1935 Maytag washing machine and worked on several Briggs and Stratton engines his Pinkerton teacher had collected.

"I am really proud of my Model T Ford tool kit, which is now almost complete," he said. "I've been collecting the tools for some time and I have a 1938 tool kit, None Better Brand, that is really cool."

Remlin said living in the present and working for the future means paying homage to the past. He is considering getting into the business of restoring old houses.

"Whatever I do, I look forward to being the person who takes care of these historical buildings in the future," he said.

Climbing High



Caleb Palmer, 13, was determined to master the Climbing Wall that was brought to the Hampstead Public Library grounds by Indoor Ascent last week. The wall was sponsored by the Hampstead Summer Recreation Program and the Hampstead Public Library's Children's Programs, organized by Children's Librarian Patty Falconer.

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Sunset Lake Association Gathers for Annual Meeting

HAMPSTEAD – An ecological survey is planned for the Sunset Lake area by Lycott Environmental.

Jim Mize and Association Vice President Michelle Mize spoke about the survey at the annual meeting July 21 of the Sunset Lake Association, held at the Hampstead Meeting House.

At the meeting, New Hampshire Marine Patrol Officer Seth Alie also dis-

cussed the merger with the New Hampshire State Police and provided information on boater safety. He reviewed changes in state law, as well as common boater mistakes and how to avoid them.

Also featured was a presentation on the American Bald Eagle by Kim Murphy, an Audubon volunteer.

Sunset Lake Association members then broke into

workshop groups that focused on “The Frog” by Kim Murphy, “Water Quality and Vegetation” by Michelle Mize, and “New Hampshire Boating Licensure” by Seth Alie.

“The meeting and workshops went well,” said Association President Pete Hutchins. “Several folks volunteered to take on fund-raising responsibilities, and it was great to see new faces.”

Hutchins said the Association is planning a clean-up and barbecue in September, hosted by Dick and Diane Marrs.

The Sunset Lake Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the interests of the people owning property on the shores of or having legal deeded access to Sunset Lake (also known as Wash Pond).



This mature bald eagle was recently spotted at Sunset Lake in Hampstead. *Courtesy photo*

Middle Schoolers Recognized for Community Involvement

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

The Community Alliance for Teen Safety - CATS - lost two long time board members in 2011, John Gleason and Dale Childs. In their memory, CATS presented awards to eighth grade students attending Chester Academy, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, West Running Brook Middle School and Hampstead Middle School. The recipients of the award were selected by each school.

Dale Childs of Hampstead and John Gleason of Derry were involved in promoting safe behaviors for teens and their families, and cared deeply about the towns in which they lived. Gleason, a New Hampshire legislator, was one of the founding members of the CATS board and helped pass several bills to promote safe teen behaviors. Childs, who worked at Hampstead Middle School, was on the CATS board for a number of years and worked as a resource officer with middle school students.

The Dale Childs award, given to eighth grader Jessi-

ca Siegwalt from Hampstead Middle School, was presented by CATS director Sue Centner and Childs' husband, Fred.

Former CATS Youth Advisory Board member Marissa Tremblay and board member Kimberly Kilpatrick presented an award in memory of John Gleason to Chester Academy eighth grader Samantha Newnan.

John Gleason awards were also presented to Alex Mendonca of Gilbert H. Hood and Ryan Cox of West Running Brook.

Each winner received a certificate of recognition and a gift card for \$150.

The awards were based on: volunteer service to the community; involvement in citizenship or character building organizations; scholastic record; participation in school activities such as sports, music, government; school attendance record; and leadership qualities that motivate others to action for the benefit of the school community.

“John and Dale gave so much to the community that it was important to reflect their values in the

award. It wasn't a popularity contest, it wasn't competitive, it was based on the students' merits,” said McCarroll, who presented the Derry awards with Centner. “It wasn't necessarily for the student who had the most stellar academic record, but for the student who tried their best. It was important

to us to recognize these students for the effort they had already made.”

This was the first year CATS presented the awards, and the board will consider renewing the program for the 2012-13 school year.

CATS was founded in 1996 after nine teenagers lost their lives in car crashes

within a short span of time in Derry. Community members started a grassroots effort to determine the cause of the deaths, and the Community Alliance for Teen Safety was formed as a result. Inexperience and lack of seat belt use were determined to be the cause of the teen deaths.

CATS, a 501 (C) (3) non-

profit corporation continues to be a force in the community that addresses high-risk behaviors.

The group's mission is to promote safe habits for all youth by increasing awareness of high-risk behaviors, encouraging healthy choices, and fostering community alliances.

Zoning Board Makes Quick Work of Request

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Meeting for less than 15 minutes, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) unanimously approved a request by Boemark Construction Corporation for a Special Exception to allow the creation of an in-law/accessory apartment for property at 139 Buttrick Road.

At the Aug. 3 meeting,

surveyor James Lavelle of James Lavelle Associates presented the request. He said his client has state approval for a new septic system that would accommodate a four-bedroom dwelling. The septic system has not been installed but if the ZBA approves the request, it would be, he said.

The property is an existing dwelling that was built before the present zoning regulations and has an in-

law apartment that has been used by family. The request is to bring everything up to date, Lavelle said.

The dwelling is being remodeled and the result will be a two bedroom house with a two bedroom in-law apartment. The in-law apartment will be registered on the deed, as is now required by the town ordinances.

The property is 1.29 acres, with 150 feet of frontage on Buttrick, and the dwelling and apartment have separate entrances. The septic and heating systems are shared.

The ZBA approved the request subject to installation of the new septic system and meeting the deed registering requirements.

AD TESTIMONIAL

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TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS

CHESTER

Scarecrow Pickup

The last pick-up dates for scarecrows for fall decoration will be Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Aug. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m., both at Stevens Memorial Hall. Anyone who cannot pick up an ordered scarecrow may call Jackie Brown at 887-3842. Scarecrows that are not picked up will be sold to the wait list and at the Historical Society booth at Town Fair Sept. 8.

Town Fair

Chester Town Fair Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at the town ballfields. The parade and festivities start at noon. Vendors, parade participants, farmers willing to display their wares and anyone willing to volunteer are invited to call Jean at 887-4045 or email: chesterfair2012@yahoo.com.

Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on Aug. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain date is Aug. 23). The date coincides with

Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The Chester Historical Society will be open the same nights as the Farmers Markets and car shows, and the antique mail wagon will be on display outdoors. Scarecrows can be picked up at this time.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or email: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Fall Soccer

Registration for the fall season of the Chester Soccer Club is open through Aug. 15. Early registration is \$50 (no shirt) or \$70 (new shirt needed). Any registration postmarked after Aug. 15 will cost \$65 (no shirt) or \$85 (new shirt). Any child ages 4 through 17 can regis-

ter. Divisions U8 - U18 are part of a recreation league of local towns. Any parents interested in coaching may email board@chesternhsoccer.com and attend one free evening coaching clinic in August. Visit: www.chesternhsoccer.com for details.

Summer Reading Party

The Chester Public Library Summer Reading Awards Party is Thursday, Aug. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the library, 3 Chester St. Summer Reading participants who have read and recorded one or more books are eligible to attend, as are participants in the Visual Arts Contest. A potluck buffet is planned, and attendees are asked to bring either an appetizer, entrée, or dessert. Games, stories, and crafts will be offered, and the Visual Arts Contest awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required by Tuesday, Aug. 14. For more information and to make a reservation, visit the library or call 887-3404.

Summer Reading Deadlines

All Summer Reading Passports, Bingo Cards, and

Reading Logs are due Friday, Aug. 10, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St. The last Raffle Drawing is Friday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 887-3404 or visit the library.

PJs Storytime

PJs Storytime at Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., is Thursday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. The program is for ages 3 to 6, with children invited to come to the library wearing their pajamas. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Book Discussion

The Chester Public Library Book Group Discussion meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. On Aug. 21 the topic is the book "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. Cardholders may borrow copies of the books to be discussed. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Film Noir Festival

The Hampstead Public Library will be screening the final installment in its Film Noir Festival on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m., with Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt."

Storytime

The Hampstead Public Library's Mother Goose Storytime for infants and children to age 2 with a caregiver will not take place Tuesday, Aug. 14, but will resume the following week. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5 is on break for the remainder of the summer and will resume the week of Sept. 10, with sessions Mondays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at Town Hall on Thursday, Aug. 9, between noon and 12:30 p.m. to register new voters and update the checklist. This can also be done at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Spaghetti Supper

A Spaghetti Supper will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at East

Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu will be spaghetti, Italian meatballs and sauce, salad, rolls, assorted desserts, and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and free for pre-schoolers. The church is chair-lift accessible, and take out meals are available. Proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. For more information, call 378-0683.

Knights of Columbus Supper

The Knights of Columbus, St. Maximilian Kolbe Council, will prepare and serve a steak barbecue dinner on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m. at St. Anne Church Hall, Emerson Avenue. The menu will also include potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages. The donation is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Farmers Market

The Hampstead Lions Club sponsored Hampstead Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stage Road junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive. New vendors are added weekly. For more information, call Bernie Long-

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Church Yard Sale

An indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held rain or shine on Thursday, Aug. 16; Friday, Aug. 17; and Saturday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. Furniture, linens, curtains, pillows, shoes, decorations, toys, puzzles, VHS tapes, cassettes, records, rugs, baskets, glassware, electronics, and children's books are featured. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. For more information, call 378-0683.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Knights of Columbus seeks golfers to play in its ninth annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Bradford Country Club. Format is a four player scramble, with registration from noon to 1:15 p.m. and coffee and donuts from Dunkin' Donuts of Hampstead. Cost is \$125 per player, which covers greens fees, cart, goody

bag, registration gift, longest drive, closet to pin, putting contest, team prizes and dinner. Hole sponsors are \$75 each. Registration forms are available at Center Market, Don's Market, Store & More, East Hampstead Post Office and Bradford Country Club. Proceeds go to cancer and kidney funds, Make-A-Wish and the food pantry, and sending 10 handicapped campers to Camp Fatima. For more information or to register, contact Nick Sarbanis at 329-6819 (home) or 231-0622 (cell) or at mgrhomeloan@comcast.net.

College Essays

High school seniors are invited to the Hampstead Public Library on Monday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. for "The Write Stuff" to learn tips for developing the written portion of a college application. The focus will be on the essay, but creating a college resume and letters of recommendation will also be discussed. Sign up is required by visiting or calling the library at 329-6411, or emailing programsHPL@gmail.com. Participants may bring a draft of their essay if they have one. There will be one-on-one help if time allows. This workshop is presented by a

representative of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, which provides free college planning assistance.

Book Sale

The Hampstead Public Library's annual Book Sale is Aug. 27 through Sept. 1 in the library's second floor meeting room during usual business hours. A large selection of books, both fiction and nonfiction, plus audiobooks and videos will be on sale. No item is priced above \$1. A pre-sale takes place Aug. 24 and 25 for Hampstead Library cardholders only.

Hunger Games

The Hampstead Public Library will show the movie "The Hunger Games" on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The showing is free.

Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, Aug. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon, Windfield Alloy, Inc., with support from the Towns of Hampstead and Atkinson, sponsors a free recycling day for used computer equipment, general electronics, white goods, and scrap metal. The event is at 2 Route 111 in Atkinson, headquarters of Windfield Alloy, Inc. Items accepted

free are televisions and monitors, computers and laptops, stereos, remote controls, telephones, all types of metal, and white goods. Refrigerators will be accepted for \$10 each, and air conditioners will be accepted for \$10 each. For more information, call Windfield Alloy Customer Support at 329-1230 or Hampstead Town Hall at 329-4100, ext. 115.

Film Festival

As part of its Film Noir Festival, the Hampstead Public Library will present Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious" on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

Dream Interpretation

The Hampstead Public Library presents Susan Morgan, author of "The Power of Dreams," at 7 p.m. Aug. 13. She will give an overview of how to increase dream recall and how to take steps toward learning what dreams mean.

Crafters Wanted

The Hampstead Mothers' Club announces its 27th annual Craft Fair, set for Hampstead Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children of Hampstead. Spaces for crafters and artists are 6-by-10-feet with two chairs pro-

vided, for \$60. For more information on vendor registration, contact Sarah Wisecarver at 329-5290 or sarah-wisecarver@rocketmail.com.

Book Discussions

At its August meeting, the Third Thursday Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will discuss "Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes on Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. The Non-Fiction Book Group will discuss "Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World" by Mark Kurlansky on Monday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Copies of both books are available at the library's front desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Summer Concerts

Hampstead Meeting House Park's 2012 free Summer Concert Series take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic. The schedule is: Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Southern Rail; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, The 60's Invasion Band.

Library Art

The Hampstead Public Library features the work of local artist Christine Casarano, with her paintings on display in the library's second floor meeting room now

through Aug. 17. She is a self-taught painter whose preferred medium is acrylics.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Democrats

The Hampstead Democrats will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Drive. In addition to the regular monthly meeting topics, Chris Reisdorf, candidate for State Senate, and Harlan Cheney, candidate for State Representative, will be the featured speakers. Light refreshments will be served.

Fiction Writers

The Fiction Writers' Group that meets at the Hampstead Public Library is seeking new members. The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each

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month at 9:15 a.m. Many aspects of fiction writing are discussed: character development, plotting, narrative technique, dialog, point-of-view, genre, and editing and re-writes. Those interested may attend a meeting, or send an email in advance to HampFicWriters@comcast.net. The next meetings are Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 8 and 22. Hampstead residency is not required.

SANDOWN

Garden Club

In the past several weeks, the Sandown Garden Club has been preparing its booth for the annual Old Home Day celebration, set for Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Central School Field. The club will show its gratitude for the community's support by giving free plants to families and offering a variety of free raffles that range from birdhouses, planters, gift certificates to garden toys for children. Residents are welcome to stop by and learn more about the Club's activities and the knowledge and joy of gardening that membership provides. To learn more, visit www.SandownGardenClub.org.

Science with Miss Bea

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m., the Sandown Public Library hosts Stupendous Science with Miss Bea. She will do experiments and teach the science behind them. Children ages 7-10 are invited to sign up in advance, either online or at the library.

Holiday Closure

The Sandown Public Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 11, in honor of Old Home Day.

Books & Bites!

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Sandown Public Library, members of Books & Bites! adult book discussion group will discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Soccer League

The Timberlane Youth Soccer League's online registration is now open for the fall season. The season runs for eight weeks and begins Saturday, Sept. 8, and ends Saturday, Nov. 3. Registration fee is \$50 for U6-U12 divisions and \$65 for U14-U16 divisions. Registration ends Aug. 15. The soccer league will have a booth at Sandown Old Home Days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, with league representatives available to assist with registration. For more information, visit www.timberlaneyouthsoccer.org or call 382-3344. The league is not affiliated with the Timberlane Regional School District.

Bake-Off

The Sandown Mothers Club's Annual Bake off Contest will be held at Sandown Old Home Day on Saturday, Aug. 11. Categories are adults (over 13): cakes, pies, muffins and quick breads; and children (13 years and under): cakes, brownies and cookies. No cheesecakes or cream pies can be accepted. Registration is at the Central School cafeteria from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Aug. 11. Suggested donation is \$3 for an adult entry and \$1 per child entry. Enter as many items as you wish. Each category is judged on creativity, presentation and taste.

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Old Home Day Service, Dinner

The Old Meeting House Historical Association announces the annual Old Home Day Service at Sandown's Old Meeting House on Fremont Road. It will be held on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. Featured speaker will be State Rep. Norman Major. Immediately following the service, a pot roast dinner will be held at St. Matthew's Church. The dinner is by reservation only. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and under, and free for preschoolers. Call Arlene at 887-3453 or email abassett@gsinet.net for reservations.

Meeting House Open House

The Old Meeting House Historical Association will hold an open house on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Take a break from the Old Home Day activities and tour this historic building before heading to the Sandown Volunteer Fire Department's Chicken Barbecue.

Frog Jumping Contest

Sandown Mothers Club is hosting its annual frog jumping contest on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Sandown Old Home Days celebration. The contest will begin at 8:30 a.m. behind Sandown Central School, with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Bring your own frog in an appropriate container that is out of the sun; the frog must be released into a natural habitat after the contest. Children of all ages can participate.

Seeley Beach

Sandown Recreation announces that Seeley Beach is open daily with lifeguard-supervised swimming from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Feeding of water fowl is prohibited. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. No animals are allowed.

Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

Cake Walk

The Sandown Mothers Club holds its first Cake Walk at 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at the main stage of Sandown Old Home Days. A Cake Walk is a musical chairs style game to win one of the desserts from the club's Bake-Off contest. Tickets to participate are \$5 and can be purchased at the Sandown Mothers Club booth before the event.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main St., on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for additions to and corrections of the checklist. There will not be any party changes until after the State Primary Elections. New voters may also register at the Town Tax Collector's Office during its regular business hours or at the Supervisors' table on the day of voting with proper identification. This is the

last day to register before the State Primary Election.

Senior Affairs Raffle

The Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Program will staff a table of raffle and silent auction items at the Sandown Old Home Days, Aug. 10 and 11, to help raise funds to support the program. The table will also have sign-up forms for program volunteers. For more information, call Senior Affairs Director Nelson Rheume at 887-3329.

REGIONAL

Antique Appraisals

The Robert Frost Farm Literary Series presents "Antiques and Collectibles Appraisals" on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. Herc Pappachristos returns to assess items brought in to the Robert Frost Farm on Rockingham Road (Route 28) for the event. He is an appraiser and auction manager at Grogan & Co., of Dedham Mass., and is a member of the Frost Farm Board of Trustees. A \$5 fee is charged for each appraised item. The series is funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, the Robert Frost Farm Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Robert Frost Farm.

Free Meals

From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12, a free community dinner is served at the Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry. From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19, a free community dinner is served at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. The meals are open to the public, and are presented by Elijah's

Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim and Transfiguration. For more information, visit: <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>.

Free Show for Veterans

A "Tribute to Roy Orbison," starring Mike T, takes place Aug. 11 at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy, 4 Pinkerton St., Derry. Tickets are free for all veterans, members of the Reserve and National Guard, and their visits. Visit <http://bit.ly/L5P6jx> to reserve tickets, which may be picked up at the theater. As veterans may not have a military ID, they should present a Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, or Disabled American Veterans membership card or wear something that reflects their service branch. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m., with the show at 7 p.m. The show is presented by the Salem Animal Rescue League. For questions, contact Wayne or Lora Parsons at attudog@comcast.net.

Poetry Reading

The Hyla Brook Reading Series announces Linda Pastan, Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize Winner for lifetime achievement and two-time finalist for the National Book Award, will appear Thursday, Aug. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Also reading is Hyla Brook poet Kyle Potvin of Derry. The Reading Series is free. An Open Mic will follow; audience members are invited to share their work. For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets>.

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do, Lorette LeClair and son Wayne LeClair, owe the town nearly \$1 million in court settlements and liens.

In early July, fire chief Rich Antoine brought his concerns about trespassing and off-road vehicle usage on the parcel to the board, and the selectmen in turn asked Antoine, the police department and building inspector/code enforcement officer Thom Roy to meet and discuss a monitoring

plan for the property.

Selectman Jack Cannon suggested that police and fire come up with a plan for additional monitoring of the property to prevent further issues or contamination.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, police, fire and building agreed that a fence should be erected.

Antoine argued that the property doesn't deserve more monitoring than any other parcel in town.

"I feel that a fence will limit access," said Antoine, adding that currently a

dump truck could be driven onto the site.

Cannon asked how the town will know if the area has been compromised with a hazardous material spill.

Lt. Aaron Berube said the police department is actively patrolling the area through drive bys and spotlighting at night. Reports are generated from that activity, and it was agreed that should anything occur, the selectmen would be notified.

Roy said he agreed with police and fire but as a build-

ing official, he didn't have much jurisdiction on site.

Roy has largely headed up the town's end of the clean up, but was chastised later in the meeting by Cannon for attempting to side-step responsibility for monitoring, saying that he was "very good at talking around in circles."

Roy said he was willing to help out, but that neither building nor code enforcement issues existed on the site.

Selectman Mike Weider held to his opinion that there was no need for a

fence and that such a structure only added to the town's liability at the site.

Selectman Rich LeBlanc informed the board that 100 feet of fencing had been donated and should be enough, given the topography of the site, to block vehicle traffic. This plan would reduce the effort's cost, he said, and he didn't agree with fencing the entire 208 feet of frontage.

In response to Weider's concerns about erecting a fence on property the town didn't own, road agent Mike

Oleson suggested a guardrail on town-owned property along the road.

It was a suggestion that met with approval from the board, and Oleson agreed to determine the cost of such a project and to look for extra guardrail in the highway department.

Chair Steph Landau made a motion to put up a barrier along the entire frontage once more information on cost came in. Cannon and Joseph Hagan agreed, while Weider and LeBlanc voted against the measure.



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